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DATA AND DEVICE IMPLEMENTING THE PROCESS
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**FAX RECEIVED****AUG 19 2003****GROUP 2600**

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 9, 2001, please find the following arguments.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection of Claims 1-2, 6-10, and 14-16

The Examiner in the Office Action rejected Claims 1-2, 6-10, and 14-16 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yagasaki (European Patent Application 0 765 082 A2). Applicant disagrees with this ground of rejection.

Specifically, Claim 1 recites a claim limitation of, "the utilization of the processed data having to be triggered at a given theoretical instant wherein said device comprises a circuit for calculating a minimum duration (d) of utilization of the data, which is proportional to the amount of (L) of data contained in the data set," (emphasis added). Neither the claimed minimum duration of the utilization nor the limitation of having such a utilization duration be proportional to the amount of data contained in the data set is either disclosed or suggested in Yagasaki reference.